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More charges

Former reporter pleads guilty of sexual assault

A former Global TV reporter in Vancouver has pleaded guilty to one count of sexual assault involving a minor. Ron Bencze was fired from the station last year.

Ron Bencze
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The Crown says the abuse went on for seven and a half years. A lawyer has asked the court for a prison term of two to three years. Details of the case cannot be revealed due to a publication ban to protect the victim's identity.

Bencze is also facing 10 other related charges in connection with the alleged abuse of three minors, and the father of three originally pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

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Has left Germany

Sea Shepherd's Paul Watson on the run

Former Vancouver resident and Sea Shepherd Society founder Paul Watson is in hiding.

A post on the society's website says Watson left Germany and is in an undisclosed location. The posting was made just hours after a German court issued an arrest warrant for Watson alleging he skipped bail.

Watson was arrested on May 13 at Frankfurt airport on a Costa Rican warrant that claimed he endangered the crew of a fishing vessel a decade ago. The Sea Shepherd Society insists the arrest and charge are politically motivated.

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Tony Hawk stoked about returning to Vancouver

Chairman of the board. Legendary skater wraps up his Left Coast Tour

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Tony Hawk was already the world's most revered skateboarder when he dropped into the halfpipe to roaring cheers at Vancouver's Expo '86, but this competition was big — even for him.

The Transworld Skateboard Championships was the first truly international competition, and because it was a pinnacle in the history of the extreme sport, Hawk has fond memories of Vancouver to this day.

"I was 18. It was great," he said by phone from Seattle on Thursday. "It was one of the biggest crowds I've ever skated in front of."

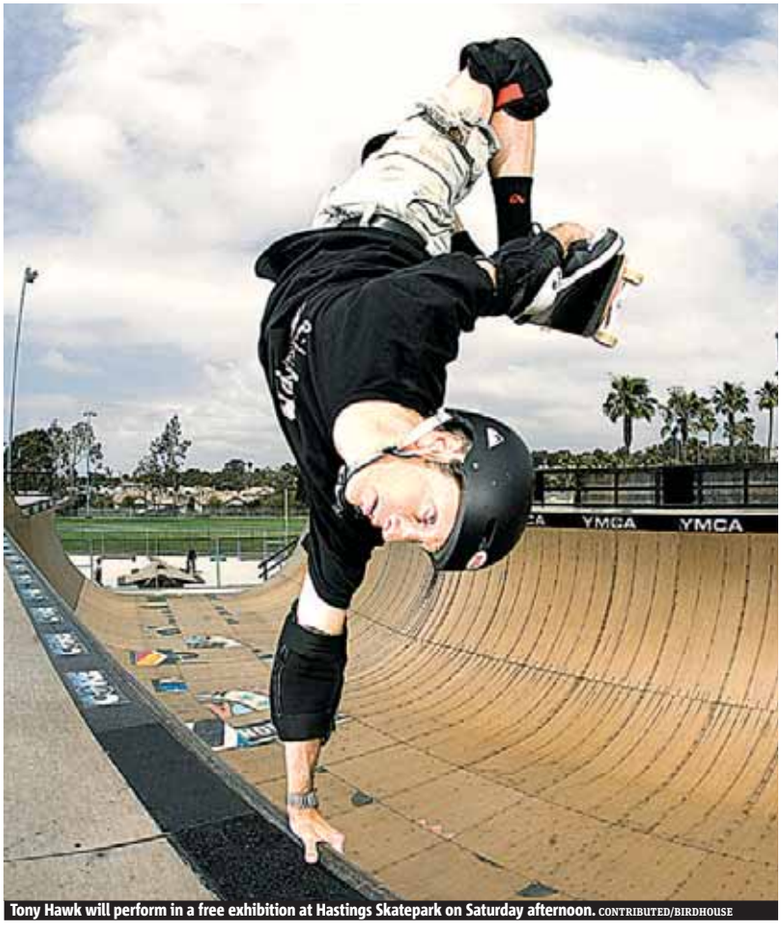
The supreme vertical commander won the pro halfpipe finals at Expo, to the surprise of no one, but he surprised even himself when he also took second place in the bowl competition.

By 25, he had competed in 103 pro contests, winning 73 of them and placing second in 19, a record that has gone unmatched.

Twenty-six years after Expo, it appears little has changed about Vancouver, at least from what Hawk remembers.

"I remember it being very expensive, because I grew up in a relatively small town, so it was just sprawling and kept going and there were awesome restaurants and activities and I remember being on water all the time," the 44-year-old recalled.

Hawk returns to Vancouver to greet and perform for a new generation of fans this Saturday in an exhibition at Hastings Skatepark hosted by his skateboard company, Birdhouse.



Tony Hawk will perform in a free exhibition at Hastings Skatepark on Saturday afternoon. CONTRIBUTED/BIRDHOUSE

It's the last stop on his Left Coast Tour, which has taken him all the way up the West Coast from Los Angeles in the past two and a half weeks.

"It's mainly, obviously, to promote our brand, but it's also to inspire kids to start skating or to improve their skills," he said.

"I feel like it does have a huge positive influence on kids these days, and teaches them a lot about self-confidence and how to be creative and how to challenge yourself, and the need for public skate parks is still a great one, so we want to raise awareness as best we can."

Catch Tony

- Saturday's free demo, which will see Tony Hawk join fellow skate legends Kevin Staab and Willy Santos, starts at 2 p.m. at Hastings Skatepark.

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Collision data released. Dangerous intersections don't discriminate

A dangerous intersection is a dangerous intersection, whether you're behind the wheel of a car, riding a motorcycle or cycling on pedal power.

ICBC released its latest data for motorcycle collisions Thursday and some of the most dangerous sites for riders commonly top the list of overall incidents — with the Lions Gate Bridge and Burrard Street Bridge, and their respective on- and off-ramps, leading the way.

"It's more about the specific intersections than it is being dangerous to motorcyclists specifically," said Jill Blacklock, ICBC road safety delivery manager. "These have high traffic volumes and you often see collisions where a driver is making a left-hand turn. You hear it all the time from drivers — 'I didn't see the motorcycle.' There is a lot going on at these intersections."

That's why Blacklock says all road users need to pay extra attention at intersections, as 60 per cent of collisions are caused there.

Over the past 10 years, the number of motorcyclists on the roads has doubled but the accident rate has remained relatively the same.

ICBC has seen similar growth in the number of cyclists using roads, and Blacklock hopes that the increased presence will eventually make for safer conditions.

"You hear that about Europe, where the crash rates are much lower because people are used to sharing the road with vehicles," she said. "It's different in B.C. because it's cold half the year, so when you're just getting used to seeing motorcyclists on the roads they're gone for half the year." MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

High-incidence zones

Top five motorcycle collision locations in the Lower Mainland from 2007 to 2011:

- Lions Gate Bridge: 19 collisions
- Burrard St. and Pacific: 17
- Trans-Canada Highway and Willingdon: 16
- Trans-Canada Highway and Brunette: 15
- Burrard St. and Davie: 13

An aerial view of the July 12 landslide at Johnsons Landing. COURTESY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT B.C.

Body of 17-year-old landslide victim found

Johnsons Landing. Rachel Webber was killed along with her father and older sister in a massive landslide on July 12

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The third victim of the Johnsons Landing landslide has been recovered, according to the B.C. Coroners Service.

The body of Rachel Webber, 17, was recovered by search crews Wednesday evening, the first day since the search for victims resumed.

The bodies of Webber's father, Valentine, and older sister, Diana, were recovered near the same area July 15 and 16.

Their family's home was destroyed in a massive landslide in the area July 12.

The recovery effort was initially called off July 18 to give crews a chance to re-assess the likelihood of finding more victims and the potential risk to searchers.

The search resumed on the 25th under the assumption Webber's body would be found near those of her relatives.

One person, German national Petra Frehse, remains missing and presumed dead.

However, the coroner's service announced Thursday it was shutting down the recovery effort, since experts have determined there is "no reasonable likelihood" of locating the 64-year-old woman.

Crews have excavated the area where her residence was located, but the damage at the site is too "catastrophic."

"I cannot express my thanks strongly enough to all our partners in this effort," said chief coroner Lisa Lapointe in a statement.

The provincial government is currently conducting a review of the landslide.

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Ex-B.C. Lion. Crown seeks one-year jail sentence in Boden sex-assault case

A Crown lawyer has asked for a one-year jail sentence for a former B.C. Lions football player convicted of sex crimes at Vancouver SkyTrain stations.

Josh Boden was convicted of two counts of sexual assault and one count each of obstruction of justice and assault on a police officer involving incidents in 2009.

Lawyer Michaela Donnelly says it took four officers, one civilian and a police dog to subdue Boden during his arrest at the scene after one of those sexual assaults.

She says officers described the takedown as the most violent case of resisting arrest they had ever experienced.

Josh Boden
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Donnelly asked that eight months of jail time be served simultaneously for each of the sexual assaults, followed by another set of four months at the same time for the other two convictions.

Boden was convicted in December 2011 for grabbing a woman's buttocks and chest while she was riding on an escalator at a downtown station. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Game Studios

Microsoft lays off developers in city

As many as 35 developers have been laid off at Microsoft Game Studios in Vancouver after the company announced the "difficult decision" to cancel two projects.

Microsoft Flight, a free-to-play flight simulator, and Project Columbia, a children's game for Xbox Kinect, have been grounded, with their development teams let go.

"Many factors were considered in the difficult decision to stop development but we feel it will help us better align with our long-term goals and development plans," Microsoft said in a statement provided to Metro.

The layoffs will only add more anxiety to the state of Vancouver's video game industry — the third-largest in Canada. In recent weeks, Radical Studios has closed its doors, Rockstar Games Vancouver has moved to Ontario in favour of provincial tax cuts and Capcom Vancouver has laid off seven per cent of its staff. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

McMynn kidnapping conviction upheld

Kidnapping victim Graham McMynn speaks during a press conference in Vancouver in 2006.
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The Supreme Court of Canada has thrown out the appeal of a man convicted of kidnapping Graham McMynn, the son of a wealthy Vancouver businessman.

Sam Tuan Vu was among five men charged in 2006 after McMynn was grabbed at gunpoint from his car and held for eight days before he was rescued by police.

In an unanimous decision, the Supreme Court ruled a provincial appeals court was correct to overturn a lower court's decision to convict Vu with the lesser charge of unlawful confinement instead of the more serious charge of kidnapping.

The trial judge initially concluded there was no evidence Vu was involved when McMynn was moved between three different houses in the British Columbia's Lower Mainland — meaning he couldn't be found guilty of the kidnapping charge.

But the B.C. Appeal Court overturned the acquittal.

The appeal court judges decided it was clear Vu was involved in holding McMynn against his will and knew full well he'd been kidnapped, making him a party to the kidnapping and guilty of that offence.

Vu was sentenced to eight years, but the appeal court has ordered a new sentencing hearing because kidnapping carries a maximum sentence of life in prison — far greater than the 10-year maximum for unlawful confinement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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James Yu, maintenance manager at Vancouver's Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden, points to the upturned eaves of the terracotta rooftops. SUZANNE MA/FOR METRO

Garden raises the Ming roof

Dr. Sun Yat-Sen. Historically all-Chinese garden seeks means and funds to maintain sustainable roof

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For more than 25 years, everything in the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden has been built with materials from China.

The limestone rocks were fished out from the bottom of Lake Tai, the highly durable wooden beams are made of Chinese fir, and the original terracotta roof tiles were fired up in an imperial kiln in the eastern city of Suzhou.

But that may soon change, as the garden's executive director searches for a more sustainable and durable rooftop — one that can survive Vancouver's rainy season and frequent encounters with local wildlife.

"The most important thing is that we maintain the integrity of this place," said executive director Kathy Gibler. "But it cannot mean that every single thing is made in China."

The garden's rooftop tiles, which have always come from China, are steadily falling apart, Gibler said.

"We have a whole colony of crows on the rooftops, raccoons walking around up there and all different kinds of birds." The tiles "from China, as wonderful as they are, are very susceptible to freezing and thawing, and what it does is break them to pieces."

Gibler said she has found a company in the U.S. that can replicate the exact look of ancient Chinese terracotta tiles. The tiles are made of a kind of clay that will last longer and be more easily affixed to the roof.

"We're trying to find something that will absolutely look the same, but will be longer lasting," said Gibler.

In all, about 60,000 tiles are stacked carefully across the curved rooftops of the garden — a replica of a Ming Dynasty Chinese scholar's home. Gibler says the garden is hoping to raise a total of $88,000 to help with the roofing project. So far, they've raised $17,000.

Abbotsford

Sex assault a hoax

Abbotsford police say an incident that sparked outrage in the community has turned out to be a hoax.

In February, a 19-year-old girl reported that two men had dragged her into a vehicle and sexually assaulted her. Police launched a manhunt for two South Asian males, but could not find any suspects. On Thursday, police revealed that the girl fabricated the story. "We share this information not to cause shame or embarrassment ... but to provide this important conclusion to the citizens of Abbotsford who were undoubtedly impacted," said Const. Ian MacDonald.

MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Finances. Auditor general says legislature's records are irregular

B.C.'s auditor general says the provincial legislature's financial records have been messy and full of substantial irregularities for the last three years.

John Doyle says he has identified a large number of significant and serious issues in the books that have led him to conclude that he can't say if the information is correct.

Doyle's office examined financial statements for fiscal years 2009, 2010 and 2011.

The scathing review comes a day after he also panned Finance Minister Kevin Falcon's release of the latest public accounts, saying the government understated the deficit by $520 million.

Falcon disagreed with the assessment, saying B.C. has followed accounting practices used across North America and is on track to balancing its budget by 2013-2014.

Doyle has recommended the legislature take immediate steps to address the deficiencies he believes his office has identified.

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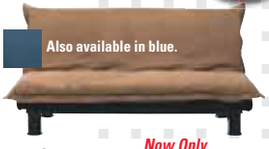

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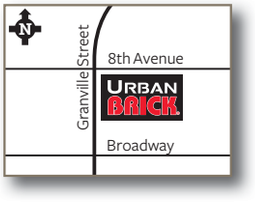

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Vancouver start-ups achieve liftoff with Launch Academy

Getting started. Entrepreneurs convene on Vancouver's Eastside to pitch the next big idea

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When Jason Xu stayed up all night playing Starcraft, shirking his schoolwork and outraging his parents, no one thought that he would one day make a business out of his eGaming passions — except for Xu himself.

"I kept telling (my parents) how much money you can make from being a gamer," Xu said. "Now, we're going to do something much bigger. We're going to create an industry out of this."

Today, Xu and his friend Justin Wong are co-founders of BattleFy, an online destination for gamers to play and watch e-sports. In North America, 16 million people watch more than two billion minutes of eSports every month. BattleFy launched its beta site four weeks ago and so far they've received more than 26,000 page hits.

"My Asian parents don't want to admit it, but they're starting to believe in what we're doing now," said Xu, who was just one of 30 entrepreneurs pitching his company at an event hosted earlier this week by Launch Academy, a collaborative workspace for tech entrepreneurs who are in their early (typically pre-funding) stages. On Tuesday evening, more than 200 people gathered to watch the pitches at The Hive in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

Not everyone at the event was a gamer or a computer nerd. Alexandra Greenhill is a mother of three young children and a family physician. She's also the co-founder of MyBestHelper.com, a site that helps families and caregivers find each other.

"I wanted a service where you could quickly establish whether you could find help for the day and have faith that this person was available," Greenhill said. "If you go onto Craigslist, you would have to manually go through all the criteria and it takes hours. Having done it many times myself, I just got tired of it."

MyBestHelper also looks out for caregivers as much as the families. "I had a nanny who told me how thankful she was that the children didn't hit her and that she was paid on time," Greenhill said. "Caregivers want to find good families, just like families want to find good caregivers."

More than 200 people showed up for Launch Academy's Demo Day in Vancouver this week, where 30 entrepreneurs pitched their companies to the crowd and a panel of judges. SUZANNE MA/METRO

Xu said Vancouver's start-up community is very tight-knit and supportive. "There's a lot of camaraderie," he said. "It doesn't matter if you're an entrepreneur or just a student, there's a lot of mentorship going on and everyone is willing to help each other in every way they can."

Launch Academy is an organization that aims to provide guidance and mentorship to anyone in Vancouver with passion, creativity and most importantly, a good idea, said director Mike Edwards. We are "a soft landing for those who want to explore entrepreneurship. It's not a straight road and we're here to do anything we can do to make this road a little less windy, curvy, or hilly."

6 cool companies to check out

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A video interview and interactive skill-testing platform that helps companies hire better talent faster and more efficiently. Hiring, interviewing and screening can be done online. "KarmaHire gives companies the opportunity to find the best people. You can see who solves problems faster, who can think faster, who has mastered the tools," said co-founder James Clift.

MyBestHelper

A website that helps families and caregivers find each other. Find the perfect helper based on location, type of care, rates and availability. Other fields also help you find a match based on personal values, philosophy, work and communication style. You can browse for free, but if you choose to hire a caregiver through the site, it's a $30 fee.

"I wanted a service where you could quickly establish whether you could find help for the day and have faith that this person was available," co-founder Alexandra Greenhill said.

Battlefy

An online destination for gamers to organize, play, and watch eSports (competitive play of video games). Catered to the 300 million eSport players worldwide, Battlefy gives aspiring gamers a channel to build their resume, challenge their skills, and capture recognition from fans and major leagues.

In North America, 16 million people watch more than two billion minutes of eSports every month. BattleFy's beta site has so far they've received more than 26,000 page hits.

OfCity Guide

A bilingual English and Chinese iPad relocation guide for the most desirable cities in the world, starting with Vancouver. Future guides in the works: Toronto, New York, London. "Relocating is always a challenge. It is especially for someone who knows nothing about the city," said founder Melissa Kwan. "The information is there but it's often outdated and scattered. We want to be that one-stop source." OfVancouver will be available for free download at the iTunes store in September.

momojobs

This website sources jobs from company's career websites, providing job seekers an inside look at their future workplace. Users can connect with current or past employees of the company, see photos of the work space, and also help their friends find out about new opportunities. Companies can post jobs with referral bonuses and reward you with thousands of dollars for helping the company recruit great talent. The site already has over 400 tech openings from over 150 companies in Vancouver.

Weeve.it

A kickstarter for nonprofits, Weeve is a crowd-funding platform that allows nonprofit organizations to raise money and awareness for their cause. Weeve's features include social fundraising with integrated social media functions, project management dashboard, downloadable donor list, blog updates, and community engagement tools.

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Olympics. Dismissed photographer may sue

An Ottawa-based freelance photographer is considering legal action against the Canadian Olympic Committee after being fired ahead of this week's Olympic Games.

Chris Roussakis says he was supposed to be in London as the official photographer for Canada's Olympic team, but he was told in June the job was no longer his.

The photographer who is now working with the team is a member of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's staff.

Jason Ransom will be among friends there; the COC's director of communications is Harper's former chief spokesman Dimitri Soudas.

Ransom took a leave of absence from Harper's staff for the job and cleared it with the ethics commissioner.

Meanwhile, Roussakis has retained a lawyer and says he is seeking compensation from the COC and, if that fails, will consider a lawsuit.

"This was going to be the biggest break of my career, and to be told four weeks before I was suppose to leave, after being sent to London on an advance trip, after telling all friends and family that I was going to fulfil my dream, (I had) it taken away from me at the last second," he said.

"It hurts beyond explanation."

Roussakis' lawyer said he has contacted the COC but was told any issues would have to wait until after the Games.

Asked about Roussakis' claim, Soudas said only two photographers have been hired: Ransom and Mike Ridewood.

"Jason before joining the prime minister's office was an award-winning photo journalist, so we're extremely lucky to have him," Soudas said.

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Access to information. Watchdog wants Tommy Douglas file opened

Canada's information watchdog is joining a seven-year battle to lift the shroud of secrecy over a decades-old intelligence dossier on socialist trailblazer Tommy Douglas.

Information commissioner Suzanne Legault is opposing the federal government's bid to overturn a court order to reconsider its refusal to publicly release much of the Douglas dossier.

Her decision to wade into the fray is something of an about-face for Legault's office.

Initially, her office maintained the government had "properly withheld" information on Douglas from The Canadian Press, which requested the file in 2005 under the Access to Information Act.

The Canadian Press successfully obtained a court order last August for fuller disclosure of the file, but the Harper government is now appealing that ruling. The appeal is set to be heard on Oct. 3.

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Tommy Douglas

- Douglas was premier of Saskatchewan and the first federal NDP leader.
- RCMP security officers shadowed Douglas from the late 1930s to shortly before his death in 1986.
- The Mounties were interested in his links to the peace movement and the Communist party.

Daran Lin breaks down at the urn bearing the remains of his son, Jun Lin, during funeral services Thursday in Montreal. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mourners lay Jun Lin to rest

Funeral. Mother of murder victim says she has started to develop sympathy for Magnotta

It's a word the mother of dismembered Chinese student Jun Lin never thought she'd associate with the man charged with murdering her son in brutal fashion.

Sympathy.

Originally, sorrow and anger dominated Zhigui Du's thoughts as she asked herself how such an appalling thing could happen to her son in a kind and peaceful country like Canada.

But as she laid her 33-year-old son to rest Thursday, Du said she has begun to feel sympathy on some level toward a man she calls the "devil."

"Back then, I could only use 'devil' to describe the alleged murderer," said Du, whose son's gruesome murder captured worldwide attention.

"But later on, when I learned more about this suspect through different news sources, especially about his upbringing, I shockingly discovered my other self who has started to develop sympathy for this person described as 'devil.'"

Du, who was too distraught to attend the funeral itself, made the remarks through an interpreter during a eulogy she gave at a later news conference.

Lin's dismembered torso was found May 29 stuffed in a suitcase dumped outside a Montreal apartment building. Various body parts were found mailed to different parts of the country and in a Montreal park.

Luka Rocco Magnotta has pleaded not guilty to several charges in connection with Lin's death, including a count of first-degree murder.

Any sympathy on Thursday was mixed with a healthy dose of grief and sadness as Lin's family said their final farewells.

They decided to bury their son's remains in the land he loved, and in the city he loved most.

In an emotional 30-minute ceremony, Lin's father sobbed openly as he sat in the front row. Before the ceremony began, he entered the chamber and clutched his son's urn, crying uncontrollably.

Father Henry Rodriguez, who presided over the funeral, called Lin a loving and considerate son who loved life. His life was ended by an "evil act."

Jun Lin
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"We need to take this opportunity to turn this horrible situation into something positive that brings justice and peace back to this family and to society," Rodriguez said.

Du looked back fondly on the day her son left China.

"When he left China and came to Canada to study, he wanted us to say goodbye with our smiles," she said.

"And today, I think it's time to wipe our tears and see our son go with smiles on our face." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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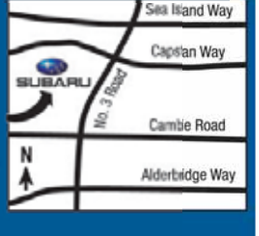

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Shooting victims with no insurance face big medical bills

Colorado. Unknown number of the injured still face a long recovery and the associated costs

Bonnie Kate Pourciau, 18, a victim of the Aurora theatre shooting, speaks from her hospital bed Wednesday, alongside her mother, Kathleen, and father, Trace. ANDY CROSS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Some of the victims fighting for their lives after being wounded in last week's Colorado theatre rampage may face enormous medical bills without the benefit of health insurance.

The U.S. doesn't have universal health coverage, though hospitals are required by federal law to stabilize patients during emergencies without regard to their ability to pay.

The Obama administration's health-care overhaul would cover millions more uninsured, but Republicans strongly object to its cost.

Members of the public have contributed nearly $2 million US to help victims, including the Warner Bros. studio that released the Batman movie that was showing when the gunman opened fire. But it's not clear how much of that money will cover medical expenses.

One victim's family is already raising money online. And three of the five hospitals treating victims said Wednesday they will limit or completely wipe out medical bills.

An unknown number of the victims, however, still face a long recovery and the associated medical costs without health insurance.

Nearly one in three Coloradans, or about 1.5 million, either have no health insurance or have coverage that is inadequate, according to a 2011 report by The Colorado Trust, a health-care advocacy group.

The highest uninsured rate is among adults between 18 and 34. Many victims are in that age group.

Among the uninsured victims is a 23-year-old aspiring comic Caleb Medley, who is in critical condition with a head wound. His wife, Katie, gave birth to their first child on Tuesday.

His family and friends said they have set a goal of raising $500,000 to cover his hospital bills and other expenses and were more than halfway there Wednesday.

Children's Hospital Colorado announced it would use donations and its charity care fund to cover the medical expenses of the uninsured. "We are committed to supporting these families as they heal," according to a statement from the hospital, which treated six shooting victims.

HealthOne, which owns the Medical Center of Aurora and Swedish Medical Center, also says it will limit or eliminate charges based on patients' individual circumstances. Those hospitals have treated 22 shooting victims. However, the company cautioned its policy may not apply to all doctors working in its hospitals.

The other two hospitals, Denver Health Medical Center and University of Colorado Hospital, where Medley is, wouldn't say whether they would assist shooting victims. However, they provided a combined $750 million in free care in 2011.

The key issue is what comes after the current hospital care, said Dr. Howard Brody, director of the Institute for the Medical Humanities at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston and a frequent critic of excessive medical costs.

"Many of these people, I assume, will need prolonged and expensive rehabilitation after their immediate injuries are dealt with, and that seems precisely what hospitals today are less and less willing to cover out of their own funds, and no law requires that they do so, as far as I am aware," he said.

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Theatre shootout scene delays film's release

Warner Bros. has moved the release of Gangster Squad to January after the film's climactic cinema shootout scene drew comparisons to the Aurora, Colo., shooting.

Gangster Squad chronicles a bloody 1940s battle between Los Angeles police and mobsters. It culminates in a scene where gangsters shoot automatic weapons into a crowded movie theatre from behind the screen.

Joseph Gordon-Levitt as John Blake is shown in a scene from The Dark Knight Rises. CONTRIBUTED/WARNER BROS.

The film is expected to be reshot and edited. A spokesman for Warner Bros. declined to comment on how the film would be altered.

Gangster Squad had been planned for a Sept. 7 release. The postponement means Gangster Squad won't be eligible for Academy Awards consideration this year, shifting from a plum fall release to a month often considered a dumping ground.

It's a blow for an anticipated movie with a starry cast. Directed by Ruben Fleischer, it stars Sean Penn, Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone and Josh Brolin.

The trailer for the film, which included footage from the movie theatre scene, was pulled from theatres and the Internet after the Colorado shooting at a screening of The Dark Knight Rises.

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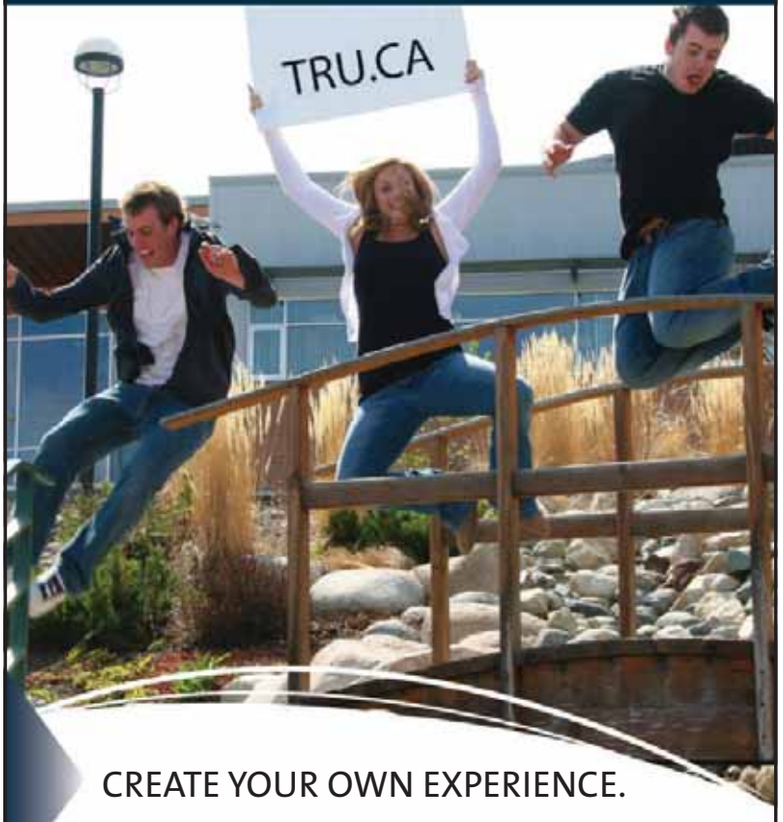

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Beijing flood's official death toll rises to 77

Natural disaster. Authorities reveal grim tally, the first since Sunday, after search was hindered by mudslides

Chinese authorities on Thursday raised Saturday's Beijing storm's death toll to 77 after the public questioned the tally of 37, with some residents even compiling their own totals in a reflection of deep mistrust of the government's handling of the disaster.

The Beijing city government said 77 bodies of victims from Saturday's downpour had been found in the city as of Thursday; 66 of whom have been identified. Nearly half of the victims were found in Fangshan district, a rural community in the city's mountainous outskirts, the government said on its microblog.

A taxi driver trapped in the flooded streets of Tianjin, China, Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In a rare expression of humility, Beijing's flood and drought prevention headquarters offered condolences to the families of the victims and pledged that it would "conscientiously sum up and reflect and learn lessons from" the flood, and improve the city's resilience against disasters.

No new death toll figures had been issued since Sunday, the day after Beijing's largest downpour in 61 years overwhelmed drainage systems, swamped downtown underpasses and sent flash floods roiling through the city's outskirts.

Officials have kept a tight lid on information, mindful that failure to cope with the flooding could undermine the country's leadership as it undergoes a once-a-decade transition, with Beijing leaders a part of that reshuffling. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Smoke 'em if you got 'em

Tori, a 15-year-old orangutan, smokes a cigarette inside her cage at Satwa Taru Jurug zoo in Solo, Central Java, Indonesia in this July 6 photo. Indonesian zookeepers have moved the female orangutan with a bad habit of smoking away from visitors who regularly throw lit cigarettes into her cage. Tori has been smoking cigarettes for a decade, mimicking human behaviour by holding them casually between her fingers while visitors watch. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Heartland

U.S. drought intensifying: Report

A new report shows the drought in the U.S. heartland is rapidly intensifying and shows no signs of abating.

The U.S. Drought Monitor report released Thursday shows that the amount of land classified in extreme or exceptional drought jumped to more than 20 per cent, up seven per cent from last week. More than 63 per cent of the continental U.S. is in some stage of drought, a portion unseen since the Drought Monitor started in 1999.

The drought has sent corn, soybean and other commodity prices soaring in recent weeks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Commodities

Dry weather will boost food prices

The U.S. government is projecting the record drought gripping half the country will help push food prices up by three to four per cent next year.

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Kansas City Internet going warp speed

Google Inc. revealed Thursday what it will charge for its long-awaited, ultra-fast "gigabit" Internet service in Kansas City, about 100 times faster than a basic cable modem: $70 US per month.

The service is intended as a showcase for what's technically possible.

Bypassing the local cable and phone companies, Google has spent months and an unknown amount of money pulling its own optical fibre through the Kansas City region.

The $70 per month will pay for "gigabit" Internet service, about 100 times faster than a basic cable modem. For another $50 per month, Google will provide cable-TV-like service over the fiber, too.

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Most remaining Zellers stores to close their doors

Hudson's Bay Co.
Parent company says running the last 64 locations is no longer viable

Zellers stores may soon join now-defunct Canadian chains as a relic of the retail past after its parent company said Thursday it will close most of the 64 remaining locations, affecting up to 6,400 jobs.

Hudson's Bay Co. — Zellers Inc.'s parent company — has been contemplating what to do with the brand since last year when it sold the majority of the leases for its 279 discount stores to Target Corp. for $1.83 billion.

Spokeswoman Tiffany Bourré said Zellers is "considering options" for certain locations, including "rebranding some stores" — a determination that has yet to be made.

Zellers, which offers everything from housewares to hosiery, has faced an onslaught of competition from large U.S. retailers in recent years, most notably from Walmart, which has been expanding into a one-stop destination with dry-cleaning services and a full suite of groceries. Zellers was one of the last remaining large Canadian discount retailers after the Woolco, BiWay and Bargain Harold's brands became extinct years ago. The company said it operates 64 stores that were not acquired by Target, or were already slated for closure.

Zellers has been a key part of the Hudson Bay portfolio since 1978, emerging as the company's discount retail subsidiary by offering clothing and household items at lower price points.

It remained in the HBC fold as the company refocused its efforts on its core retail business in the 1980s and 1990s.

In recent years the company has made efforts to revitalize its Bay stores, hiring former Holt Renfrew executive Bonnie Brooks as chief executive officer, introducing high-end boutique spaces in its Toronto flagship store, and securing the rights to produce uniforms and merchandise for Canada's Olympic athletes.

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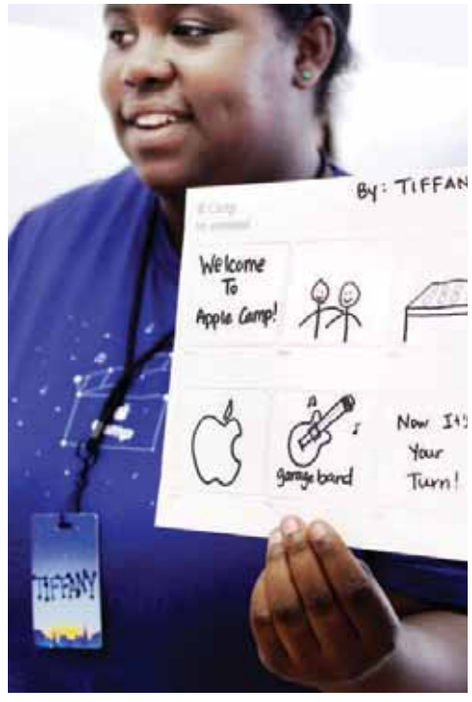
Leasehold interests

Target plans to open 125 to 135 stores in Canada. It has purchased the leasehold interests of 189 sites currently operated by Zellers Inc. and it says about $10 million to $11 million will be invested to remodel each facility.

- The U.S. retailer is poised to begin opening the first of the stores acquired from Hudson's Bay Co. next year.



Consumer training camp?

Apple worker Tiffany White leads Camp Apple at an Apple store in Palo Alto, Calif., Wednesday. At the three-day camp, students ages eight to 12 learn how to shoot their own footage, create an original song in GarageBand on an iPad, and put it all together in iMovie on a Mac. PAUL SAKUMA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Talk money before walking down the aisle

Bride-to-be Shannon Fostka's wedding plans don't include a fairy tale dress or lavish reception — she's done it before and this time around she's pledged to start married life on a sound financial footing.

After reuniting with fiancé Jeff Stritzel — an old high school friend who has also been married before — through Facebook and dating for about a year, Fostka, a 36-year-old marketing specialist, wants to make sure they're on the same page of the balance book.

While it's easy to get swept up in the romance of a wedding, marriage is also a contract that comes with weighty financial decisions: will you take on each other's debts and assets? Are you going to merge all your money or keep some separate? And how are you going to divvy up bill payments and other responsibilities?

These are the type of questions you need to ask one another before walking down the aisle. Canada's divorce rate is 41 per cent and money is one of the big things couples fight about.

Most importantly, couples should be up front about their situations and have a plan before going in — written if possible, experts say.

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Shannon Fostka, who has concerns about how to share finances after she gets married, poses for a photo with her fiancé Jeff Stritzel, at their Toronto home on Monday. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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REALITY BITES FOR SULLIED SNOW WHITE

THE LIST
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1 **Olympic insecurity.** There's about one soldier for every athlete ready to take part in the 2012 London Games. At least I think they're ready. On a visit to London, U.S. presidential candidate Mitt Romney, who organized the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics, said the last-minute security issues in London were "disturbing." That prompted U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron to retort that anybody can organize the Olympic Games "in the middle of nowhere." England 1, Tea Party 0.

2 **Love bites.** Robert Pattinson is "heartbroken and angry" (says a source) and has moved out of the Beverly Hills home he shared with Kristen Stewart, his Twilight co-star, after she was caught biting someone else's neck. The other party was not a werewolf, but the director of Stewart's latest movie Snow White and the Huntsman — an entirely different kind of predator.

3 **Speaking of bats.** Christian Bale, whose Batman series may have inspired James Holmes to allegedly murder a dozen innocent moviegoers, shows he, at least, understands the difference between reality and illusion by turning up at the bedsides of the survivors and attending memorial services for the dead. Holmes, meanwhile, ain't even close: He reportedly keeps asking his jailer how the movie ends. With any luck, he'll spend eternity in hell still wondering.

4 **The war between Alberta and B.C.** The nation is mesmerized as the two western-most premiers duke it out over royalties and risk regarding the yet-to-be-approved Enbridge pipeline carrying Alberta oilsands oil across B.C. to port for Asian customers. B.C.'s Christy Clark wants less risk and more royalties; Alberta's Alison Redford says: Bite me! Are we beginning to sense a theme here?

5 **In other CO_2 news,** Greenland melts. As in 97 per cent of the ice sheet covering the island. The last time that happened was 1889. On May 29, the temperature at the southern weather station reached 24.8 C, a record. If the whole ice cap melts, sea levels will rise by seven metres. But not to worry, global warming's some kind of elaborate hoax. Easy to say, unless you live on the coast.

6 **In other H_2O news.** Lucky Larry, the 17-pound lobster, has been saved. After surviving anywhere between 70 and 100 years, Lucky Larry was unlucky enough to end up on the menu at a restaurant in Connecticut, drawing local gawkers who wanted to laugh and point before his Last Bath. But "good lobsterian" Don MacKenzie saved Larry and set him free, invoking the sanity claws.

7 **They call the judge "Mariah."** Mariah Carey replaces Jennifer Lopez as a judge on American Idol, which is only fitting, as she's the one responsible for the legions of competing copycat divas who pretend to play the microphone like a trumpet and lard their vocals with overblown, unnecessary runs and trills. Mother Carey's chickens come home to roost.

8 **Speaking of birds.** It's hard to believe, but Twitter went down Thursday right in the middle of all the above exciting stuff, probably because everyone was tweeting about Robert and Kristen's vampire games. For about an hour, no birds sang. And then, of course, the most popular topic was #WhenTwitterWasDown … after it went up.

9 **BieberWatch.** Justin, as part of his maturity project, has gotten a new tattoo following the release of his latest album, Believe. Why am I thinking about that great line from Finding Nemo? "I think I just inked myself." Well, what else could he do? Twitter was down.

Planet Earth as a canvas

NASA'S GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER/USGS

Earth photography

Photo of island and luminous plankton wins public vote

In this amazing island-and-sea photograph, you can almost see Van Gogh's famous painting The Starry Night. The image of greenish phytoplankton swirling around Gotland, a Swedish island in the Baltic Sea, was voted by the public as the top image from NASA's Earth as Art collection. The collection is based on more than 40 years' worth of images from the space agency's Earth-observation satellites.

Since 1972, NASA's Landsat earth-observing program has become a vital reference worldwide for understanding scientific issues related to land use and natural resources.

Beyond the scientific information they supply, some Landsat images are simply striking to look at, presenting spectacular views of mountains, valleys and islands as well as forests, grasslands and agricultural patterns.

ANTHONY JOHNSTON/METRO

Q & A

'Great combination of colours and patterns'

In your opinion, what made this particular photo a winning one?
This image of Gotland — acquired in July 2005 — was a particularly popular one thanks to its great combination of colours and patterns.

What is also noteworthy — and especially so for biologists — concerns the blooms of phytoplankton. These microscopic organisms contain a green chlorophyll pigment they use to generate nutrients with the help of sunlight. But in this area near Gotland, the clutters of phytoplankton are very unusual.

RONALD BECK
Public information specialist at Landsat

Vincent van Gogh's The Starry Night is one of the Dutch artist's most iconic and globally recognizable works. GOOGLE ART PROJECT

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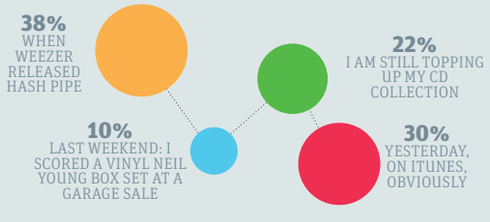
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@dsfitzgerald:
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@williamcvaughan:
Dear mom, Vancouver is great. I saw a man throw his pizza slice at a car he walked in front of when he shouldn't have. They said swears.

@andreas212nyc:
Today @LuigiLaraia started a great adventure to raise money for #leukemia: good luck for your bike trip DC-Vancouver and keep us posted!

@MattLowenMusic:
Science "proves" pop music is too loud and all sounds the same. In other news, the Vancouver riot was caused by alcohol and too many people.

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The Watch shifts from police procedural to comedy to alien invasion. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Scripts that go clunk in the night

The Watch. Three of the funniest guys around can't even save this lacklustre comedy

Richard: Mark, The Watch mixes and matches an alien invasion story with a police procedural story and comedy in the same way that it throws together its three over the title stars, Stiller, Hill and Vaughn. That is to say, sloppily. It hopes to win audiences by giving them a little of everything, but feels like the cinematic equivalent of an unmade bed. Luckily newcomer (to us anyway) Richard Ayoade spices things up.

Mark: Richard, I didn't even like this movie when it was called Ghostbusters. And that movie had an iconic cast and was very much of its moment. But this flick feels so ripped off that even the colour of the slime is the same. Yes, Ayoade is good, and I hope to see him in a better movie soon. And Vince Vaughan can't help but be funny. But you're right about the sloppiness of the whole enterprise. Every scene and every character has a different tone, resulting in a tone-deaf comedy. I don't think I laughed once.

RC: I liked this more than you think. I laughed, but the giggles didn't come as the result of a well-crafted script or an intelligent diction. They come because this crew of veterans knows how to suck a laugh out of almost anything. Vaughn made me laugh here and there, but his fast-talking act wore thin for me a long time ago. Ditto Stiller and Hill and their trademarks. I was happy to have a breath of fresh air in the form of Ayoade, who can make a throwaway line like, "That was stressful," the funniest gag in the film.

MB: Yes, we're dealing with comedy pros here. The acting isn't the problem. The script — even the idea of the script — is. This wheezy contraption felt completely fake, especially at the end when the movie turns violent. I mean, come on, is anyone in the theatre supposed to be scared of the aliens? Or care about the "heroes?" This is Hollywood committee writing at its worst, Richard, and you know it!

RC: I agree, but if you go in like I did, with low to no expectations, you'll laugh occasionally. Not loudly, and not often, but you'll laugh. If it is alien comedy that you're after, however, you may be better off renting Paul, starring Nick Frost, Simon Pegg and a foul mouthed ET.

MB: Or Galaxy Quest or even Earth Girls are Easy. I think if this had been a pure comedy, or even a pure thriller, I might have enjoyed it, but it's a hybrid in which the two genres cancel each other out. At least Ghostbusters knew it was silly.

Synopsis

When a security guard is found skinned alive at a Costco, the store's manager Evan (Ben Stiller) vows to find his employee's killer. To get the job done he starts a Neighborhood Watch with three misfit volunteers from the community. Bob (Vince Vaughn) is a manchild with a wild child daughter. Franklin (Jonah Hill) is a psycho cop wannabe and Jamarkus (Richard Ayoade) joined because he hopes it will help him meet women. They discover the killer may not be of this planet!

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Stars. Ryan Guzman, Kathryn McCormick

This installment of the franchise is now transported to Miami and introduces an entirely new cast. A local dance crew stages spontaneous routines on the city's streets in the hopes of winning a viral video challenge. But when a developer threatens to tear down their neighbourhood, the tycoon's own daughter shows her new friends that their fancy footwork can be used to save their area from destruction. Once again, the dance sequences are spectacular. But can't we please get a movie that offers more than your average music video?

IAN GORMELY

Luke Skywalker joins the dark side in new crime flick

Sushi Girl. Sadistic thief role allowed Mark Hamill to play the bad guy – and he enjoyed every minute

Mark Hamill is a pop culture icon — and now a sadistic robber in his latest film. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Star Wars could have been a lot different if Mark Hamill had picked his role.

"I remember reading Star Wars and thinking, boy, I wish I could be playing Darth Vader — that's the part,' " Hamill said.

There was never any question of that, however, and he went on to become a pop culture icon as plucky Luke Skywalker, the intrepid space adventurer who helps derail the evil Vader's plans for galactic domination in three Star Wars films.

Hamill's latest role is a galaxy away from the earnest Skywalker. In Sushi Girl, a crime noir flick having its international premiere at Montreal's Fantasia Film Festival, he plays Crow, a sadistic robber who inflicts pain with all the nonchalance of a chat between Skywalker and his robot pal R2D2.

"Every actor wants to push the envelope and explore the extremes on both sides," Hamill said, calling Skywalker "an icon of virtue."

But playing villains has proven lucrative for him too, with one of the most notable being his over-the-top vocal interpretation of The Joker in the animated Batman TV series and video games.

"It was a great kick to be cast as The Joker because he's an icon 180 degrees away from Luke," Hamill said, agreeing it's often more enjoyable to play the villain than the hero.

"You're messing up the chance for good to succeed and that's a lot of fun."

In Sushi Girl, Hamill teams with a roster of horror and action movie stars including James Duval from Donnie Darko, serial heavy Andy Mackenzie (Shoot 'Em Up), Michael Biehn, who duked it out with Arnold Schwarzenegger in The Terminator, and Tony Todd, who chilled filmgoers in The Candyman and has appeared on various TV shows including 24.

Todd said the script for Sushi Girl reminded him of other prominent genre films such as Asphalt Jungle and The Killing, which Hamill calls his favourite Stanley Kubrick movie.

"I just wanted to get away from the career wearing prosthetics and hooks on my hands and have a role that was 100 per cent," said Todd, adding he saw the crime flick as a chance to "take things to another level."

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When a house becomes a metaphor for a nation's economic implosion

The Queen of Versailles. Billionaire couple sets out to build the biggest home in the U.S., then the housing crisis hits

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Director and photographer Lauren Greenfield set out to chronicle David and Jackie Siegel's endeavour to build the largest single-family home in America, a 90,000 square-foot Orlando mansion, modeled after both Versailles and the Paris Hotel in Las Vegas. But as the U.S. economy continued to implode, timeshare king Siegel saw his fortune — tied to his Westgate Resorts business — dry up, and the film — The Queen of Versailles — suddenly became about something else entirely. This is what Greenfield had to say on the documentary.

The timing of this was pretty interesting. You couldn't really plan something like this.

No, I couldn't have planned it. I started when they were building the house. We actually didn't start filming till early 2009, so it was a few months after the crash, but at that time they were building the house, and for me they were the people who would never be affected by the crash.

We then filmed for three years, and it wasn't until the middle of 2010 when they had to put their house on the market that the story really shifted in the film, the tone and direction really shifted. And at that point I realized it was a bigger story, not about this one family or even about the rich but really about an allegory about the overreaching of America, that their story kind of represented both the virtues and the flaws of the American dream.

When a change like that occurs, how do you convince your subjects to keep going with the project?

You know, it really didn't take much convincing. I don't know if it was because we had been working together for a while at that point, but I think it was also because David and Jackie did not have any shame about what was going on. David felt very victimized by the banks and what happened, and in a way he really was. The interesting thing about him is he was on both sides of it because his business was selling mortgages and he was beholden to the lenders. I think what you see in the film, in a bigger sense, is our kind of addiction to consumerism, and that is also part of the American character and part of what led us to this crash.

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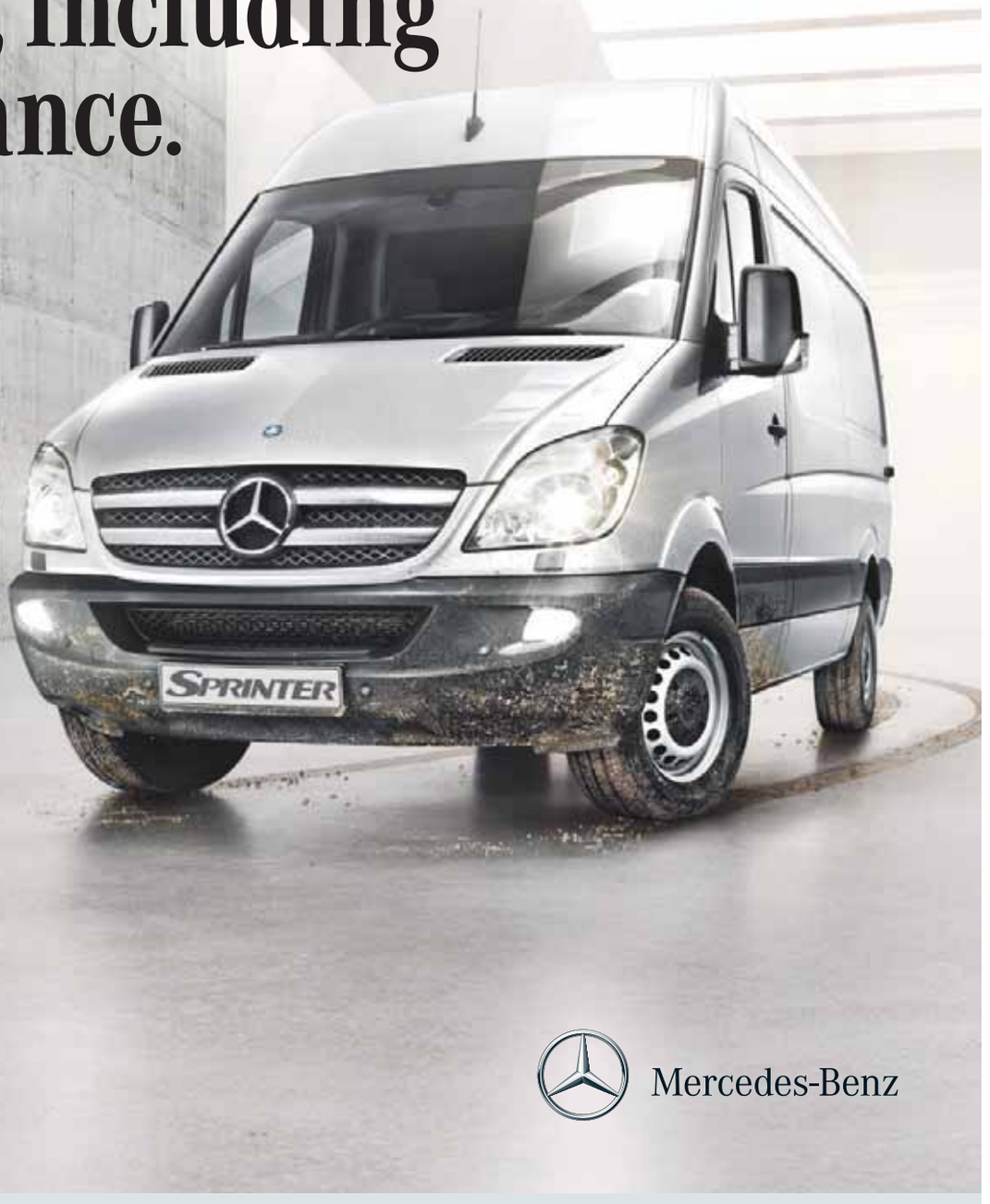

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OMNIMAX Theatre Science World 1455 Quebec St., 604-443-7443

Arabia (STC) Fri-Thu 3
Hubble (STC) Fri-Thu 1
Rocky Mountain Express (STC) Fri-Thu 12-2-4

Denman Cinemas 1779 Comox, 604-558-3456

Bernie (PG) Fri-Mon 4:40 Wed-Thu 4:40
Dark Shadows (PG) Fri-Mon 9 Thu 9
Kinky Boots (PG) Wed 7
The Pirates! Band of Misfits (G) Sat-Sun 12:30
Vito (PG) Fri-Mon 7 Thu 7
Where Do We Go Now? (PG) Fri-Thu 2:30
The Woman in the Fifth (PG) Fri 12:30 Mon-Thu 12:30

Dunbar Theatre 4555 Dunbar Street, 604-222-2991

The Dark Knight Rises (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:30-7-10:15
Fifth Avenue Cinemas
2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469
Beasts of the Southern Wild (PG) Fri-Thu 2-4:30-7:15-9:20
The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (G) Fri-Tue 1-3:45-7-9:25 Wed 1-3:45-9:25 Thu 1-3:45-7-9:25
The Intouchables (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-6:50-9:10
Moonrise Kingdom (PG) Fri-Wed 1:45-4:45-7:25-9:35 Thu 1:45-4:45-9:35
To Rome With Love (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4-7:05-9:30

Granville 855 Granville St., 604-684-4000

Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter (14A) Sat-Sun 4:25-7-9:25 Mon-Thu 5:45-8:20
Close Encounters of the Third Kind (STC) Fri 7
Cosmopolis (14A) Fri 6:45-9:10 Sat-Sun 4:20-6:45-9:10 Mon-Thu 5:35-8:15
The Dictator (14A) Fri 6:30-9:05 Sat-Sun 4:15-6:30-9:05 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:25
The Hunger Games (PG) Fri 8 Sat-Sun 4-8 Mon-Thu 8
Katy Perry: Part of Me (G) Fri 6:55-9:30 Sat-Sun 4:10-6:55-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:30
Men in Black 3 (PG) Fri 6:40-9:15 Sat-Sun 4:05-6:40-9:15 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:10
Snow White and the Huntsman (PG) Fri 6:35-9:20 Sat-Sun 3:55-6:35-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:25-8:05

Pacific Cinémathèque 1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456 cinematheque.bc.ca

Chinese Roulette (STC) Fri 8:30
Fear of Fear (STC) Mon 6:30
No Films Showing Today (STC) Tue
North by Northwest (G) Thu 7
Psycho (18A) Sat 6:30 Sun 8:10
Veronika Voss (STC) Fri 6:30 Mon 8:15
World on a Wire (STC) Wed 6:30
Park Theatre
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747
The Dark Knight Rises (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:30-7-10:30
Ridge Theatre
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311
The Watch (18A) Fri 4-7-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:15

Rio on Broadway 1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film riotheatre.ca

The Dark Knight Rises (PG) Fri-Sat 12:30-3:45-7-10:30 Sun-Thu 3-6:20-9:45 A.M. Wed 11:45

Scotiabank Theatre Vancouver, 900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

The African Queen (G) Sun 1
The Amazing Spider-Man (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:45-7-10:10 Mon 1:15-4:15-7:20-10:25 Tue 12:45-3:45-7-10:10 Wed-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:20-10:25
The Amazing Spider-Man 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:40-8-11:10 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:40-7:50-10:50
André Rieu's 25th Anniversary Hometown Concert (STC) Sat 12:45
Brave (G) Fri-Thu 12:40
Brave 3D (G) Fri-Thu 3:15-5:50-8:20-10:45
The Dark Knight Rises (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:30-12-2:40-3:10-3:40-6:20-6:50-7:20-10-10:30-11 No Passes Mon 11:45-1:30-2:40-3:20-5-6:20-7-8:30-10-10:40 No Passes Tue 11:30-12-2:40-3:10-3:40-6:20-6:50-7:20-10-10:30-11 No Passes Wed-Thu 11:45-1:30-2:40-3:20-5-6:20-7-8:30-10-10:40 No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-4:10-7:50-11:30 No Passes Mon 12-3:40-7:20-11 No Passes Tue 12:30-4:10-7:50-11:30 No Passes Wed-Thu 12-3:40-7:20-11
Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan (G) Mon 7:30
Ted (14A) Fri 11:50-12:20-2:20-3-5:40-7:30-8:15-10:15-10:50 Sat-Sun 11:50-2:20-3:30-5-6-7:30-8:30-10:15-10:50 Mon 12:15-2-2:50-4:30-5:25-8-10:30-10:45 Tue 11:50-12:20-2:20-3-5:40-7:30-8:15-10:15-10:50 Wed-Thu 12:15-2-2:50-4:30-5:25-8-10:30-10:45
The Who - Quadrophenia: The Complete Story (STC) Wed 7:30

Vancity Theatre Vancouver International Film Centre 1181 Seymour Street, 604-683-Film vifc.org

ALPS (STC) Fri 6:30 Sat 8:20
The Far Fur Country (STC) Tue 7
Sholem Aleichem: Laughing in the Darkness (STC) Fri 8:20 Sat 6:30 Sun 8:45 Mon 6:30 Tue 9 Wed 8:20 Thu 6:30
The Three Tenors: Caracalla, Rome, 1986 (STC) Sun 7
Vaya Con Dios (STC) Mon 8:30
White Thunder (STC) Tue

Vancouver Aquarium 4D Experience Theatre 845 Avison Way, 604-659-3752 vanaqua.org

Pole To Pole 4-D Experience (STC) Fri-Thu 10:15-10:45-11:15-11:45-12:15-12:45-1:15-1:45-2:15-2:45-3:15-3:45-4:15-4:45-5:15-5:45-6:15

North Shore

Esplanade 6 200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

Brave (G) Fri-Thu 12:40
Brave 3D (G) Fri-Tue 3:10-6:50-9:25 Wed 3:10-9:25 Thu 3:10-6:50-9:25
The Dark Knight Rises (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-1-2-3-4-5-6:15-7-8-9-10
The Watch (18A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:30-7:15-9:45

Park & Tilford 333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

The Amazing Spider-Man (PG) Fri-Thu 6:50-9:45
The Amazing Spider-Man 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4:10-7:20-10:10
André Rieu's 25th Anniversary Hometown Concert (STC) Sat 12:45
Ice Age: Continental Drift (STC) Fri-Sat 12-2:20-4:40 Sun-Thu 2:20-4:40
Ice Age: Continental Drift 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 12:40-2:55-5:20-7:45-10
Step Up Revolution 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:15 Sun-Thu 2:40-5:10-7:40-10:15
Ted (14A) Fri-Sat 12:05-2:35-5:10-7:50-10:25 Sun-Thu 2:35-5:10-7:50-10:25
To Rome With Love (PG) Fri 12:20-2:50-5:30-8-10:20 Sat 5:30-8-10:20 Sun-Wed 2:50-5:30-8-10:20 Thu 5:30-8-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

Richmond

SilverCity Riverport 14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

The African Queen (G) Sun 1
The Amazing Spider-Man (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4-7:15-10:25
The Amazing Spider-Man 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:40-7:50-11:05
André Rieu's 25th Anniversary Hometown Concert (STC) Sat 12:45
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Brave 3D (G) Fri-Thu 2:55-5:30-8:05-10:35
Curious George (G) Sat 11
The Dark Knight Rises (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 1-1:40-2:20-3-5:10-5:50-6:20-6:55-9-9:30-10-10:30 No Passes Thu 1-1:40-2:20-3-5:10-5:50-6:20-6:55-9:30-10-10:30 No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-4:10-7:50-11:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 12:30-4:10-7:45-11:15
The Dark Knight Rises: The IMAX Experience (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3:40-7:20-11
Ice Age: Continental Drift (STC) Fri-Wed 1:45-4:10-6:40-9 Thu 4:10-6:40-9 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
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Katy Perry: Part of Me (G) Fri 12:30-2:55-5:15-7:45-10:05 Sat 2:55-5:15-7:45-10:05 Sun 12:30-2:55-5:15-7:45-10:05 Mon 12:05-2:30-4:50-10:05 Tue 12:30-2:55-5:15-7:45-10:05 Wed 12:30-2:55-5:15-10:40 Thu 12:30-2:55-5:15-7:45-10:05
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (G) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:05-6:35
Magic Mike (14A) Fri-Sat 12-2:45-5:25-8:10-10:45 Sun 2:45-5:25-8:10-10:45 Mon-Thu 12-2:45-5:25-8:10-10:45
Marvel's the Avengers (PG) Fri-Thu 9
Prometheus (14A) Fri-Thu 4:45-10:15
Savages (18A) Fri 1:25-4:35-7:40-10:40 Sat-Sun 12-4:35-7:40-10:40 Mon-Thu 1:25-4:35-7:40-10:40
Step Up Revolution 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:40
Ted (14A) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:05-5:40-8:20-10:55
To Rome With Love (PG) Fri-Thu 2:10-7:40
The Watch (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-3:20-5:50-8:20-10:50
The Who - Quadrophenia: The Complete Story (STC) Wed 7:30

Burnaby

Dolphin Cinemas 4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

The Dark Knight Rises (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3:15-6:30-9:45
Ice Age: Continental Drift (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-2:40-4:50-7-9:10

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The Amazing Spider-Man (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20 Mon 12:50 Tue 1:20 Wed-Thu 12:50
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Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (G) Fri-Thu 3:30
Men in Black 3 (PG) Fri-Thu 9:25
Snow White and the Huntsman (PG) Fri-Thu 7

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Dierks Bentley is releasing a new four-song EP called Country & Cold Cans even while his last album continues to chart hit singles. EVAN AGOSTINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dierks Bentley drops surprise four-song ode to summer fun

Going on tour. Country music singer releases new album even while his last disc continues to power up the charts

A few years ago Dierks Bentley went hard against country music convention by releasing a rockin' bluegrass-roots album. He's decided to break the rules again.

This time around, Bentley is releasing a new four-song EP called Country & Cold Cans even while his last album continues to chart hit singles. Turns out Bentley just wanted to have a little fun with his friends.

"Sometimes that should be the driving force in your decisions, you know?" Bentley said.

"It doesn't always have to be a business decision or well-thought-out plan. Just go out there, have fun, do it with some friends and put out some new tunes."

Country & Cold Cans is out Aug. 21. The EP will be a digital-only release available on iTunes initially. Bentley will support the EP with a quick three-date tour Aug. 20-22 at the University of South Carolina, the University of Georgia and the University of Mississippi.

The music is meant to be loose and off the cuff. With songs like the title track, Grab a Beer and Back Porch, the aim is clear.

Bentley said he's targeting the same kind of kids curious about country music like he was as a teenager growing up in Arizona.

"It's called Country & Cold Cans," Bentley said with a laugh. "It's not called Beethoven."

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Other album

Bentley released his last album Home earlier this year and 5-1-5-0, his 10th No. 1 country single as both artist and songwriter, reached the top of the charts this week. It's the third No. 1 from Home.

- **Business as usual.** Normally, competing music would be considered a hindrance to the success of that album. But in this case, Bentley welcomes the interruption in business as usual. The music was written on the road, then recorded over a two-day period with his touring band and produced with Jaren Johnston, a member of The Cadillac Black — Bentley's opening band on tour this year.

Travis has All the Right Moves

Dancing days. Emmy-nominated choreographer brought his talent, and drama, to TCA press tour

AMBER RAY
Metro World News

The work of Travis Wall is everywhere. The young dancer is choreographing routines on the current season of Fox's So You Think You Can Dance; his moves are featured in the film Step Up Revolution, hitting theatres Friday; and on Tuesday, his mission to found the dance company Shaping Sound with his friends is documented on the new Oxygen reality series, All the Right Moves.

The 24-year-old SYTYCD veteran — he was the runner-up on the competition's second season — has, undeniably, become a bankable name in the dance world.

That notoriety doesn't always sit well with his pals — including Shaping Sound co-founders Nick Lazzarini, winner of the first season of SYTYCD, and Teddy Forance, who has performed with Lady Gaga and Janet Jackson — which makes Wall's story perfect for a docu-series. Artistry and drama collide in every episode.

"When we were getting things kicked off, I definitely took the leadership role," Wall said of his group at the Television Critics Association press tour in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Wednesday. "And through the season, we definitely see control struggles. Our egos are definitely tested."

From episode one there is concern over the shadow Wall's spotlight may cast on his partners, particularly after the suggestion is made to rename the company Travis Wall's Shaping Sound.

"That was not the intention of starting this dance company, to throw my name on it," Wall insisted.

Instead, Wall hopes Shaping Sound, whose co-founders were just nominated for an Emmy for their choreography on Dancing with the Stars, receives even more widespread recognition for their talent.

"Our goal in the entire series is to ... tour the United States with our dance company," Wall said. "We can pay our dancers. We can travel the country together, have fun, party, dance, and just have the time of our lives."

Dancer Travis Wall speaks onstage at the All The Right Moves panel during the 2012 Summer TCA Tour in California. FREDERICK M. BROWN/GETTY IMAGES

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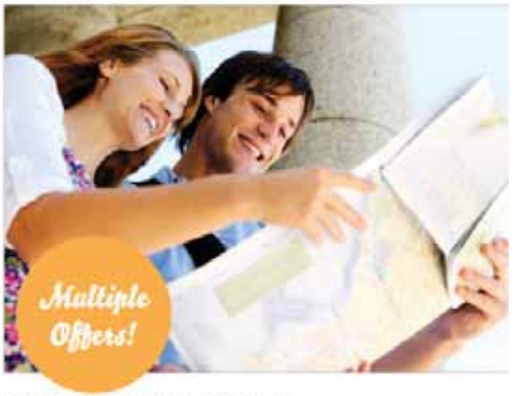

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Animal Kingdom has something to say about the human condition

The Looking Away. New album carries theme of detachment — where people are separate from each other and the world

KILLIAN YOUNG
Metro World News in New York

British ambient alt-rockers Animal Kingdom derive their band name from two opposite sources: science and religion.

Singer, guitarist and pianist Richard Sauberlich says he was reading books like The Naked Ape and The Human Zoo, both by Desmond Morris.

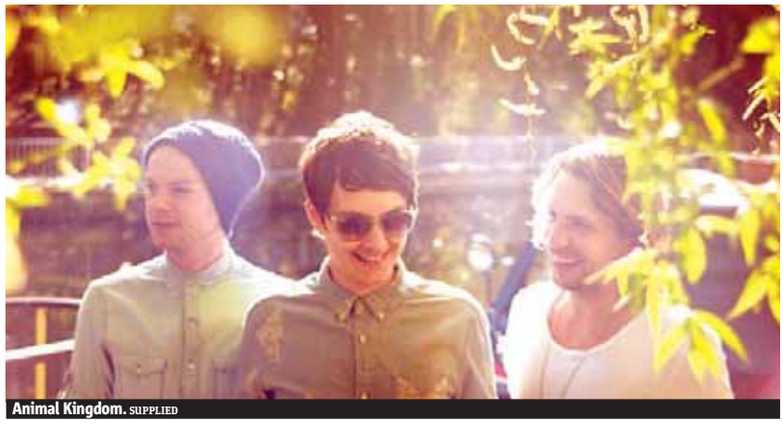
"He's an anthropologist who examines human behaviour through the prism of animal behaviour, really," says Sauberlich.

"And at the same time, I saw this picture in a children's Bible of Noah, in the ark, obviously. ... And the two just came together, joined together in my head."

He says the two ideas made him realize something about the human condition.

"I don't think we're necessarily, as humans, separate from or above the animals in terms of our basic drives and motivations," he says.

This inclusive philosophy stands in stark contrast to the material on Animal Kingdom's sophomore album, The Looking Away, where the main theme is one of detachment.



Animal Kingdom. SUPPLIED

On the album, humans are removed from their animal roots, as well from the tragedies of the world.

"I think it's something that we all do," Sauberlich says of the tendency toward tuning out bad news.

"It takes an incredibly strong and brave character to stare at something that makes them uncomfortable 24/7, 365 (days) a year."

If there's one thing Animal Kingdom are not removed from, it's social media. While recording The Looking Away, the band asked fans to record themselves singing a lyric that would be compiled together for the ending of the track Straw Man.

Although the fan-inspired version of the track didn't make the final cut, Sauberlich says that he was impressed by the response.

"It almost sounded like a lullaby with loads of people singing very subtly," Sauberlich says of the ending.

"There's a nice message to the lyric, (which is) reinforced by ... the fans believing in doing it."

King of the surf guitar on the road, helping others with cancer

Dick Dale. Musician tries to leave his own pain behind as he tours to connect with other sufferers of the disease

NOLAN GAWRON
Metro Boston

Though it may be hard to believe, Dick Dale, king of the surf guitar, is actually from Massachusetts. Dale was born in South Boston and raised in Quincy.

"I have many, many fond memories there," notes Dale. "I remember playing Silent Night as an instrumental with my acoustic guitar in the winter at Quincy Point and walking home in the snow."

When his father got a job offer from Howard Hughes in 1954, the family moved to California and Dale began surfing — a hobby that would provide the primary influence for his signature sound.

"Gene Cooper's drums and the way he accentuated became my picking style. I went from that to copying the sound of getting caught up in a very big wave," says Dale.

Dick Dale. GETTY IMAGES

"I was also raising lions and tigers and preserving the breeds of the jungle. When they would scream to me to be fed or to come play with them they would go 'Yaoooooo.' I would try to imitate that sound on my guitar. So it was a mixture of everything — Gene Cooper, lions and tigers, and the ocean."

Besides being known as founder of surf rock, Dale is also known reverently as the "father of heavy metal."

"In those days the sound was created by an output transformer and they were only 10 or 15 watts and only had 6-to-8 inch speakers," notes Dale. "I started buying these things and they would keep catching on fire because I was pushing the ampage."

After his friend Leo Fender noticed the demand for a bigger sound, he went to work on making Dale the first ever 100-watt amplifier.

"We plugged in the amplifier and it was like going from a VW Bug to a Testarossa racecar," says Dale. "That's when I made the world's ears bleed. Then we got all the people who copied me."

Now 75, Dale is coping with cancer and diabetes. While his health issues have kept him from surfing, they haven't stopped him from touring. Travelling with his son who plays drums, Dale's wife also joins him on his journey as his nurse.

"She's the one keeping me alive," says Dale.

"We're on the road to help people going through the same thing that I'm going through and to have a different attitude and forget about our pain by helping other people deal with theirs. So we laugh about it, we swear about it and we say, 'What can we do for you?'"

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Katherine Jackson. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Katherine's lawyer vows to get her reinstated as guardian

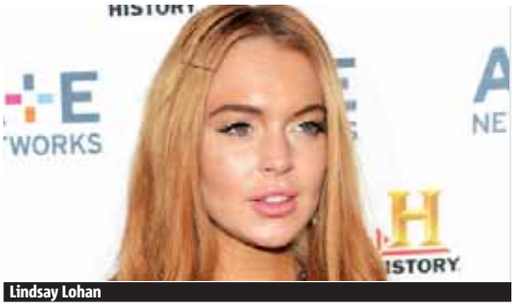
The Jackson family's recent dispute seems to be at least partially resolved, as Katherine Jackson has been reunited with her grandchildren.

"Grandma's here!" Paris Jackson, her 14-year-old granddaughter, posted to Twitter.

Katherine, who is legal guardian for Paris and her two brothers — children of the late Michael Jackson — was reported missing after she was spirited away to Arizona to rest without her grandchildren being notified. The kids' cousin, TJ Jackson, was granted temporary custody this week, but now that Katherine is back she intends to regain custody, according to Hollyscoop.

"This is creating some havoc that we need to nip in the bud," her lawyer, Perry Sanders, says.

"I intend to get her immediately reinstated as the guardian."



Lindsay Lohan

Lohan rear-ends Mustang

Lindsay Lohan has reportedly been involved in another car accident, according to TMZ.

During a shopping trip in West Hollywood, the troubled starlet reportedly rear-ended a silver Mustang that wasn't moving, causing "minor and cosmetic" damage to the Mustang and Lohan's Porsche.

"We were sitting at a light and somebody hit us," the driver of the other car tells the website, adding that a male companion of Lohan's left his number with them before they took off to avoid paparazzi.

The Word

Pattinson relationship heading to its Twilight

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Not surprisingly, Robert Pattinson has packed up and left the Los Angeles home he shared with Kristen Stewart. This comes after Us Weekly published photos of his girlfriend and Twilight co-star in the midst of a not-so-discreet fling with director Rupert Sanders.

Although Stewart issued a weepy public appeal for forgiveness, it appears Pattinson isn't having any of it — maybe because, like Us Weekly, he noticed that the L.A. Dodgers hat she was wearing in the photos looks suspiciously similar to one he's frequently spotted in.

"I'm not sure they'll be able to recover from this," a source associated with Twilight tells People magazine, adding that Pattinson isn't in contact with Stewart and "is heartbroken and angry."

Tell us, source, how does Kristen feel?

"Kristen really loves Rob more than anything," they continue.

"He's all that matters to her right now."

There's plenty more to come from this: Stewart is reportedly preparing to personally apologize to Sanders' wife, and the final Twilight circus doesn't hit theatres until November.

In other words: If we have to feel like a sleazy Cheaters B-team crew, so do you, so try to sit back and enjoy the ride.

Jeremy Renner

Renner not prepared for what popped up

Jeremy Renner doesn't have the best luck with flights, he tells Jimmy Kimmel during an interview.

"A lot of times when I'm on the plane, I have to sleep. And I'm not a good sleeper on the plane," the Bourne Legacy star explains. "I had to fly from London to Los Angeles for dinner, and then get right back on a plane to London. ... Somebody gave me some pills, like Ambien. So I took a little sleeping pill, popped it and realized nothing's happening — but something else was happening!"

Renner soon realized he had accidentally taken a Viagra pill instead.

"Not only did I not sleep the entire flight, but there was ... 'camping' ... happening," he says. "The flight attendants were sort of in on the joke. They were like, 'Can we get you anything, Mr. Renner?'"

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LIFE 3

Keeping things cool

Cherry Cola Shaved Ice

- Four 12-oz cans cola soda (6 cans are needed if making granita)
- 12-oz bag frozen cherries, thawed
- Chopped maraschino cherries, to garnish

1. In saucepan over high heat, bring cola to a boil. Use caution and stir regularly until the foam subsides. Boil until mix reduced to 1 cup, about 20 minutes.

2. In blender, purée cherries until smooth. Stir the cherries into the reduced cola and cook for another 2 minutes. Strain mix through fine mesh strainer, discarding solids. Allow to cool. Refrigerate until using.

3. To use with shaved ice, drizzle a bit of the syrup over a cone or bowl of ice, then garnish with chopped maraschino cherries.

Granita option: Stir 2 more 12-oz cans of cola into the entire batch of cooled syrup. Pour into a 9-by-13-inch pan and freeze. Every 20 minutes, use a fork to scrape and stir the mixture until it is firm with small ice crystals. Spoon into dishes and garnish with chopped cherries.

Coconut Lime Shaved Ice

- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/3 cup lime juice
- Zest of 2 limes
- Cream of coconut, to drizzle

1. In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine the sugar, water, lime juice and lime zest. Heat, stirring until the sugar dissolves, about 3 to 4 minutes. Remove from the heat and allow the mixture to cool completely. Refrigerate until ready to use.

2. To use with shaved ice, drizzle a bit of the syrup over a cone or bowl of ice, then drizzle cream of coconut over the top.

Granita option: Stir another 1 1/2 cups of water and 1/2 cup lime juice into the entire batch of chilled syrup. Pour the mixture into a 9-by-13-inch pan and freeze. Every 20 minutes, use a fork to scrape and stir the mixture until it is firm with small ice crystals. Gently fold and swirl 1/2 cup cream of coconut into the mixture, then scoop into bowls or glasses to serve.

Mocha Shaved Ice

- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup cocoa powder
- 3 tablespoons instant coffee granules
- 1 cup water
- Shaved chocolate, to garnish

1. In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine the sugar, cocoa powder, instant coffee and water. Whisk until the sugar and instant coffee dissolve. Remove from the heat and strain the mixture through a fine mesh strainer. Allow to cool completely. Refrigerate until ready to use.

2. To use with shaved ice, stir the syrup then drizzle a bit over a cone or bowl of ice, then garnish with shaved chocolate.

Granita option: Stir another 2 1/2 cups of water into entire batch of cooled syrup. Pour into a 9-by-13-inch pan and freeze. Every 20 minutes, use a fork to scrape and stir the mixture until it is firm with small ice crystals. Spoon into dishes and garnish with shaved chocolate.

On the Web

Canadian scientists developing colourful purple wheat to boost health, economy

Liquid Assets

London beer and Olympic watching

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Unless they make chug-a-lugging an Olympic sport, the only torch I'll ever carry is for that brunette I had the hots for in university.

I do love London and can't think of a better place to watch our athletes compete — on TV from the comfort of one of the city's old school pubs.

They take drinking beer very seriously in England, with a pint of almost every variety of ale tracing its roots back to somewhere in the United Kingdom.

While the taps advertising huge multinational producers dominate modern London's liquor landscape, you can still get a glass of local brew at the public houses owned by individual breweries.

Fuller's is the city's oldest, having pumped out suds in its Chiswick brewery since 1845. Its soft, smooth and creamy London Pride Ale (500 ml, $2.80 - $3.44) is, well, the pride of London. I'm partial to its Organic Honey Dew Ale (500 ml, $3.35 - $3.95), an all-natural, lightly malty creation with a subtle bitterness and just a touch of bee juice.

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A celebration of light

Head to English Bay's Sunset Beach to catch the world's largest offshore international fireworks competition alongside more than 400,000 Vancouverites. At the Honda Celebration of Light (July 28, 10 p.m.), take in live musical performances as part of Shorefest and grab VIP seats for the show.

Discover local designers

Not just another pop-up shop, Gather Pop-up Shop (July 27 to 29) aims to put a new, social twist on the popular pop-up trend. Discover more than 25 local designers, participate in crafty workshops, take in unique art installations and relax in the flash lounge. Located at 1 East Cordova (old Boneta locale).

Get a taste of the tropics

Head to North Vancouver's Waterfront Park and enjoy a taste of the tropics at the free, weekend-long 25th Annual Caribbean Days Festival (July 28 and 29) taking place along the North Shore's picturesque waterfront. Discover the colourful culture of the Caribbean, with plenty of music, carnival-style entertainment and flavourful food.

Dodgeball for a good cause

Go for sport or go as a spectator to this weekend's action-packed First Annual Dodgeball Open fundraiser (July 27 to 29) to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The battle begins at Richmond's Olympic Oval as teams are pitted against each other in hopes of claiming the top title. There's also live music, indoor rock climbing and an after party at the River Rock Hotel and Casino. Admission is by $5 donation.

An afternoon of grilled goodness

The newest Memphis Blues Barbeque House to open in Vancouver is hosting an official party to fire up the summer on July 31st (noon until 2 p.m.) and an afternoon of grilled-goodness awaits. Enjoy samples of signature menu items, score door prizes and take in the live jazz/ragtime crooning of David "Boxcar" Gates at the official opening celebration.

A festival of food carts

Starting this Sunday from noon to 6 p.m., the Waldorf Hotel (in partnership with Yelp and Street Food Vancouver) will host a weekly community celebration featuring the collective goods offered by our food carts. Save up an appetite and sample your way through a culinary lineup of globally inspired offerings courtesy of Re-Up BBQ, Mom's Grilled Cheese Truck, La Brasserie, Holy Perogy, Cartel Taco and plenty more. The Food Cart Fest takes place at 1489 East Hastings St.

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SPORTS 4

Atiba Harris of the Vancouver Whitecaps dribbles upfield against the New England Revolution's AJ Soares on April 6, 2011, in Vancouver. A knee injury has forced Harris to miss most of the past two MLS seasons, but the midfielder/striker is back and could play Friday in Salt Lake City. JEFF VINNICK/GETTY IMAGES

Harris eager to kick knee trouble aside

MLS. Back from injury, midfielder/striker has a 'reasonably good' chance to play Friday in Salt Lake City

Quoted

"When you're down, you just have to find a way to pick yourself up again and keep going — keep pushing."
Atiba Harris

Atiba Harris is not looking to make up for lost time.

The Vancouver Whitecaps midfielder/striker has missed most of the past two MLS seasons with a knee injury. But as the Caps prepare to visit Real Salt Lake on Friday, he only wants to focus on the future.

Harris will suit up in Salt Lake City and has a "reasonably good" chance to play, according to Whitecaps coach Martin Rennie.

"Last year was last year," said Harris, a 27-year-old St. Kitts and Nevis native, after practice Thursday in Burnaby. "The first half of this season has already passed, so I can't look back on it. I want to look forward and try to stay positive."

That wasn't easy to do in Vancouver's first MLS season. Harris scored two goals and three assists in his first five games of the campaign, but he was sidelined for the season in April.

He took part in the 2012 preseason, but only managed to play in four league games before undergoing arthroscopic surgery in May to repair a torn meniscus ligament. It was his third surgical procedure on the knee in 13 months.

The Whitecaps have played without him since he last suited up May 2 in the first leg of a two-game Canadian championship semifinal against FC Edmonton. He only resumed training within the past two weeks.

Although Harris didn't play in Sunday's 2-1 victory over the San Jose Earthquakes, he suited up as a reserve. After everything he's been through, Harris is just glad to have a chance to get on the pitch again.

"It means everything," he said. "Soccer is my life. It's what brings a smile to my face so I always want to play.

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Canadian Open

Piercy sets course record

Scott Piercy sits atop the leaderboard after a soggy opening round at the RBC Canadian Open.

The American fired an 8-under 62 at Hamilton Golf and Country Club, which was softened considerably by rain that fell overnight and throughout the day.

Piercy set a record and held a one-shot lead over Greg Owen and William McGirt. Robert Garrigus was another shot back.

Adam Hadwin of Abbotsford, the low Canadian at this event the last two years, opened with a 66.

It was a tough day for Ernie Els in his return to action after winning the British Open last weekend. The South African shot a 72. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

Owners' turn to listen at talks

A day after tabling the remaining elements of its opening contract offer, it was the NHL's turn to listen.

The NHL Players' Association made a number of presentations to owners Thursday, including ones addressing pensions, training camp and ice conditions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

Hurricanes sign sniper Semin

The Carolina Hurricanes signed sniper Alexander Semin to a $7-million US, one-year deal Thursday.

Semin had 21 goals and 33 assists with the Washington Capitals last season.
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Mobile sports

In an off-season marked by Junior Seau's suicide and scores of lawsuits over brain injuries, the NFL on Thursday launched a comprehensive wellness program for current and retired players. Some welcomed the program as long overdue while those leading the NFL concussion litigation said the latest program lends credence to lawsuits against the league. Scan the code for the story.

MITCHELL NEEDS TO TAKE HIS MEDICINE

Lions should side with punishing Khalif Mitchell for hyper-extending opponent's arm; victory at old club must be on mind of Argos coach; Blue Bombers missing retired defensive lineman

CFL EXTRA POINTS
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B.C. Lions: Lions defensive lineman Khalif Mitchell has the right to appeal his two-game suspension as part of the CFLPA's bargaining agreement with the league. But shouldn't the Lions management (Wally Buono) have stepped in and made it clear he needs to take his medicine or face a team suspension of similar length for hyper-extending the arm of Eskimos offensive lineman Simeon Rottier last Friday?

Toronto Argonauts: Argos head coach Scott Milanovich is trying to downplay his return to Montreal this weekend, where he coached for five seasons. The former Als offensive co-ordinator claims he's too focused on the game to fret over coming back to his old stomping grounds, but you have to think Milanovich would love to steal two points from old boss Marc Trestman.

Hamilton Tiger-Cats: Henry Burris has erased any notion that he's past his prime as a CFL QB with 360 yards passing and four touchdowns last week that earned him the CFL's offensive-player-of-the-week honours. The Tiger-Cats pivot completed 27 of 30 passes against Montreal, tying him with Jason Maas for the fifth-best single-game completion percentage (90) in CFL history.

Winnipeg Blue Bombers: Doug Brown's retirement might have had a greater negative effect on the Bombers defence than first thought. Despite the veteran presence of Jonathan Hefney and Jovon Johnson, the Blue have been easy to play against in 2012. That's certainly a switch from last season when the Bombers D developed a well-deserved reputation as the league's cockiest group.

Montreal Alouettes: We might finally be witnessing the long-predicted decline of the Alouettes, who appear unable to win on the road and have allowed an atrocious 139 points in just four games. Despite a 2-2 record, they pulled off a miracle comeback to beat Calgary and could very well be sitting 1-3 heading into Week 5.

Saskatchewan Roughriders: Not everyone is onside with Regina's decision to construct a new $278-million, 33,000-seat football stadium for the Riders. Despite a $100- million loan from the province, an $80-million grant, and the city's $73-million contribution toward the construction of the facility, Riders fans will still be tagged with a $12.50 service charge per game, ramping up the cost of already pricey tickets.

London calling: Let the Games begin

Canadian diver Jennifer Abel practises in London on Thursday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

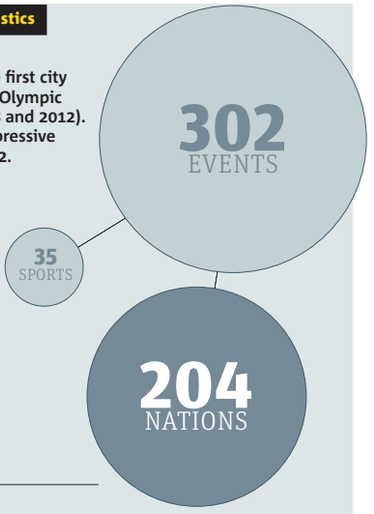
Canadian diver Meaghan Benfeito waves during a training session on Thursday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada's Milos Raonic practises at Wimbledon on Thursday. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Swimmers practise at the Aquatics Centre at Olympic Park in London on Thursday. MARK J. TERRILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Olympics by statistics

London will be the first city ever to host three Olympic Games (1908, 1948 and 2012). Here are a few impressive numbers from 2012.



Athletes
10,490

Foreign visitors
5 million

Projected ticket sales
9 million

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4 billion

Ticket prices

Athletics	$31-$1,150
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BMX cycling	$31-$198
Gymnastics (artistic)	$31-$715
Soccer	$31-$293
Judo	$31-$198
Table tennis	$31-$198
Weightlifting	$31-$277

Opening ceremony. Performance comes before partying for many Canadian athletes

Canadian swimming star Mark Tewksbury watched the opening ceremony of the 1992 Barcelona Olympics from the cafeteria of the athletes' village.

Tewksbury, who won gold at those Games in the 100-metre backstroke, was hoping to get a leg-up on the competition by saving his legs from what he knew would be a long and physically taxing night.

"I got to the cafeteria and my main competitors were all there watching on TV too," said Tewksbury, Canada's chef de mission at the London Games. "But it was OK. I won it by six one hundredths so who knows? That might have been the six hundredths I would have lost."

Many of Canada's athletes are skipping Friday's opening ceremony, some because they're competing the next day, others because they're housed in locations that are too far a trek from the stadium.

"Some people really get lifted by it and some people think the physical drain is too much," Tewksbury said. "It's a personal choice."

"The whole point of the Olympics is performance. That's the memory you want to take for the rest of your life and you've still got the closing (ceremony). The closing is there and it's really the athletes' ceremony. It's awful to walk in an opening and regret it because it impacted your performance."

The ceremony at Olympic Stadium, directed by Danny Boyle — the Oscar-winning director of Slumdog Millionaire — are scheduled to begin at 9 p.m. local time (1 p.m., CTV) and end at midnight. Most of the athletes will be able to walk back to their housing, which is adjacent to Olympic Park, but it still puts them back at the village as late as 12:30 a.m.

Triathlon athlete Simon Whitfield of Victoria will lead Canada into the ceremony as the team's flag-bearer. They are expected to leave the village at 9 p.m. and enter Olympic Stadium at 10:15.

Canada's swim team won't march in the ceremony, meaning freestyler Brent Hayden will be three-for-three in giving the Olympic opening ceremony a pass.

"It's always kind of team policy that if you're competing within the first few days you tend to skip just because you're not going to get to bed at a reasonable hour," Hayden said. "Standing up for hours on end, tiring your legs out is not necessarily the best thing to do before a competition. We all wish we could be there. We are all very patriotic and we would just love to be able to walk into the stadium with our country, waving our flags, but we're here to compete."

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Quoted

"It's one of those things. All my friends (ask) 'What is it like to walk in the opening ceremonies?' I don't know."

Freestyle swimmer Brent Hayden

For opening weekend Olympic coverage, go to metronews.ca/olympics.

Quick turnaround

Several thousand athletes from 204 countries will take part in the ceremony.

- The International Olympic Committee has pressed London organizers to make sure the show doesn't run late so that athletes can get to bed at a reasonable hour.
- There are medal events Saturday in archery, fencing, cycling, judo, shooting, swimming and weightlifting.
- Canada's rowing team will hold its own opening celebration — with the athletes all dressed in their ceremony outfits — at its hotel near the rowing venue. Rowing begins Saturday, with the first boats scheduled to push off the start line at 9:30 a.m.

Canadian flag-bearer Simon Whitfield THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tennis. Raonic looks to Great One for Olympic advice

Canada's Milos Raonic knew exactly who to talk to for a little guidance ahead of his first Olympic experience.

The rising tennis star said he met up with Wayne Gretzky last winter in Los Angeles and chatted about the London Games while out for dinner.

"He told me that the competition is a big thing for sure, but he said the most special thing was meeting other athletes and just learning from them and hearing different stories," Raonic said Thursday.

Gretzky played for Canada at the 1998 Games in Nagano and served as the executive director of the men's hockey team at the next two Winter Olympics.

Raonic said he was in L.A. for training when he got connected with Gretzky through a friend of a friend. He said The Great One told him to make sure he savours the Olympic experience.

"I think he's won pretty much every single thing," Raonic said. "And the fact that the Olympics means that much I think shows how grand the event is."

Considering the strong singles field in London, it would be a big surprise if Raonic reached the podium. However, he has recorded some impressive wins this year and shown that he belongs on court with the game's top players. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Round 1

Raonic had a breakthrough season on the ATP Tour in 2011.

- The hard-serving 21-year-old from Thornhill, Ont., has won two tournaments this season and is ranked No. 25 in the world.
- Raonic will meet world No. 69 Tatsuma Ito of Japan in the first round. The complete schedule has not been finalized but play is slated to begin Saturday.

Canadians bringing swagger to the pool

Swimming.
Expectations running high for team after struggles in past Games

Canada's Julia Wilkinson practises in London on Thursday. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada's swimmers are demanding more of themselves at the Summer Olympics.

After no medals in 2004 and one bronze in 2008, Canada's team of 33 athletes is targeting three medals and swimmers in 13 to 15 finals in London.

"It's completely different," backstroker Julia Wilkinson said Thursday. "Four years ago, it was 'We hope we can make some finals.'

"Now it's 'Who is going to be the first one to win a medal?' We've kind of come in with this swagger and we believe we can do it."

As though to punctuate her point, the Stratford, Ont., swimmer had her nails painted red, white and gold this week.

Swimming starts Saturday and runs for eight days. The open-water races, which are ten-kilometre swims, will be contested in the second week.

Victoria's Ryan Cochrane prevented a second straight shutout in the pool in Beijing when he won bronze on the last day of competition. Wilkinson was about to race a relay and recalls she and her teammates were stunned to tears by Cochrane's medal.

There will be no shock and awe this time, according to the head of Swimming Canada.

"I don't have a crystal ball," said chief executive officer Pierre Lafontaine. "I can tell you the Canadian kids in our lanes are going to walk pretty tall and they're going to feel they belong in that pool. They're not going to get intimidated by much." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Heat wave

Organizers are attempting to address complaints over excessive heat inside the Olympic Aquatics Centre.

- Temperatures around the pool have soared over 30 C during a heat wave.

Track-and-field

Bolt says he's been slowed by bad back

Usain Bolt finally confessed there has been something wrong. It was his back.

The Olympic champion said Thursday a bad back has been causing him hamstring problems, leading to a pair of losses to training partner Yohan Blake at the Jamaican trials.

"It was a slight problem. I got that fixed and I'm ready to go," Bolt said in his first formal media appearance of the London Games, where he was given the honour of carrying his country's flag at Friday's opening ceremony.

Bolt lost to Blake twice at the recent Jamaican trials in both the 100 and his favoured 200 metres. The setbacks fuelled speculation that he was injured but haven't dampened expectation that he will retain his 100 and 200 gold medals.

Bolt also dismissed talk that he had been training away from TV cameras and reporters at the Jamaican team camp in central England because he is injured.

"I'm always ready," he said. "It's all about the championship. It's never about the trials, everyone knows that. My coach doesn't like the cameras. He likes to keep me away from the cameras."

Bolt was scheduled to appear alongside Blake and other athletes at the event in the heart of east London, but travel problems held some of them up, the Jamaican Olympic Association said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Usain Bolt in London on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Forget about your people skills today and do what feels right to you personally. The more you make an effort to be nice to certain individuals, the more likely it is they will take it as a sign of weakness.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Whatever has caused you to subdue your feelings and become a bit emotionally distant in recent days, you are advised not to take it too seriously. The Earth turns and everything will look different, and better, tomorrow.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Adopt a no-nonsense nature today, especially when dealing with people whose negative attitudes can drive you to despair. The more they try to convince you that something terrible is happening, the more you should laugh at them.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
There is no point getting caught in a battle of wills with someone in a position of power. They will win and you will lose, it's that simple. Let them call the shots.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Cosmic activity in your own sign encourages you to believe that you can do anything. But you will accomplish more in the long-term if you focus on one particular talent.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You know it pays to be honest but because you are uncertain how some people might react if you tell them the truth, you are reluctant to open your mouth. That's a mistake. They need your input, so speak up.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
It may annoy you that certain people don't take your ideas seriously but it's their loss. There are options open to you now — and you don't need anyone's help but your own.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Why are you so reluctant to take the advice of a friend? Most likely it's because you don't want to admit that you made the wrong choice. But what's the big deal? You're human like everyone else.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may need to force yourself to be enthusiastic about what you are expected to do, but it's an effort worth making. The better the job you do, the more likely it is you will be offered something more interesting later on.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Your confidence may not be up to its usual levels at the moment but it's not the end of the world. If you encounter the kind of opposition that makes you feel uncomfortable, just back off a bit. You've got plenty of time.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Admit it: You have bitten off more than you can chew and now you are looking around for a way out. Well, that's too bad because there isn't one. Do the best you can and live with the consequences.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You will let someone know that you don't want to argue but they are hell bent on having it out with you. In which case you might as well tell them what you really think. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Sports

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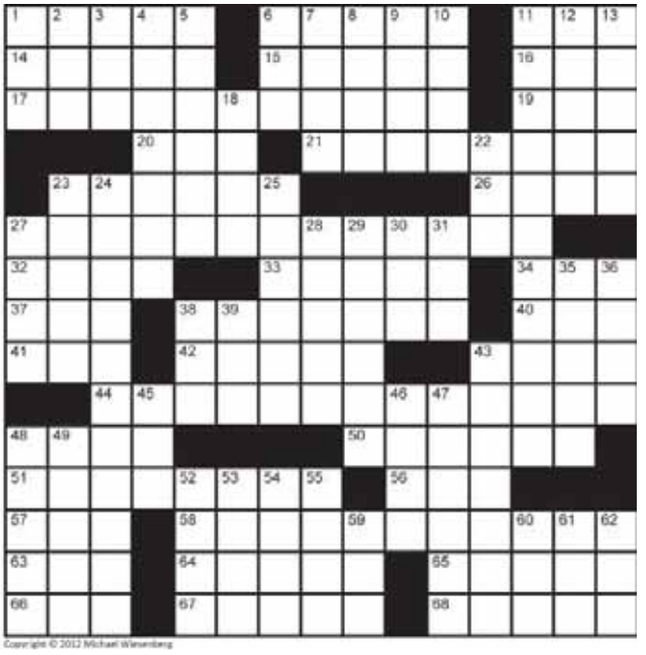

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19. US Republicans
20. US amateur-sports gp.
21. *Le Rouge et le Noir* author
23. Bola hurler
26. Sermon's end?
27. Alberta hockey team
32. Man or Capri
33. Agitate a liquid
34. Monitor, for short
37. Able, jocularly
38. Where to find Kingston
40. Fish eggs
41. Ring around the Islands
42. "You ___ one"
43. Word on a greasy spoon's marquee
44. Former MLB team from Québec
48. ___ Jet
50. More flexible
51. Airy
56. Memo letters
57. Hawaiian tuna
58. Winnipeg team
63. Bewilderment
64. "This ___ a laughing matter"
65. ___ Boingo: Danny Elfman's former group
66. "Pipe down!"
67. "Ready, ___!"
68. Modern treaty violation

Down
1. Map abbr. before 1991
2. Part of a University of Ottawa cheerleader's request
3. Not me
4. The most popular scale of model railway in the world
5. *Odyssey* setting
6. MV/V
7. Early Beatles, affectionately
8. Rapper who acts on *Law & Order: S.V.U.*
9. Arabian mother
10. Cap'n's mate
11. Fix
12. Native of Zagreb
13. With 48-Down, Toronto team
18. German industrial center
22. Darin's love
23. Canada's ___ Bay
24. Mercury record
25. Blue ___ Cult
27. French sky
28. Scathing online criticism
29. "Because I'm worth it" brand
30. Faulkner's ___ *Lay Dying"*
31. Electrical unit that forms another unit upon reversal
35. Wind turbine part
36. Dick Tracy's Truehart
38. Ball or bass following
39. Alta. neighbor
43. Art show
45. It comes out of the ground
46. Accounting acronym
47. Earlier form of a word
48. See 13-Down
49. Set of cultural values
52. Pitcher stats
53. On the other hand
54. Dorothy's Em
55. Carroll of old *TV's Topper*
59. "Takin' Care of Business" band
60. Québec-to-Montréal dir.
61. Abbreviated linemen
62. Drunkard

Yesterday's crossword

What's online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

8			4		7			
6	4						3	7
	7			1		2		
	1		3	5				8
		9				4		
5				7	4		2	
		8		2			1	
3	6						9	2
			6		9			3

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	2	7	5	4	6	8	9	1
4	9	6	2	8	1	6	3	7
1	8	6	9	7	3	4	2	5
6	5	8	7	3	9	2	1	4
9	3	2	4	1	5	7	6	8
7	4	1	8	6	2	3	5	9
8	6	9	1	2	7	5	4	3
2	1	4	3	5	8	9	7	6
5	7	3	6	9	4	1	8	2

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Hawaii 16-Night Cruise
from $1455
+ taxes & fees $105
CRUISE roundtrip Vancouver and visit Hilo, Maui, Kauai, and Honolulu (overnight). **UPGRADE** to oceanview stateroom from $25 per night.

Southern Caribbean
7-Night Cruise — from USD $389 + taxes & fees USD $79
CRUISE roundtrip San Juan and visit St Thomas, Barbados, St Lucia, St Kitts and St Maarten. **UPGRADE** to oceanview stateroom from $20 per night.

Alaska 7-Night Cruise — from $455 + taxes & fees $115
CRUISE Vancouver to Seward and visit Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway and Glacier Bay. **UPGRADE** to oceanview stateroom from $8 per night.

Cruise & Stays

New York & Bahamas
Air + 3 Nights + 7-Night Cruise — from $1499 + taxes & fees $356
INCLUDES roundtrip airfare to New York, 3 nights Manhattan accom and 7-night cruise sailing roundtrip New York visiting Port Canaveral, Great Stirrup Cay and Nassau.

South Pacific
Air + 2 Nights + 24-Night Cruise — from $2699 + taxes & fees $605
INCLUDES cruise from Vancouver to Sydney in an ocean-view stateroom visiting Los Angeles, Hilo, Honolulu, Pago Pago (Samoa), cross International Dateline, Suva (Fiji), Port Vila (Vanuatu), Easo, Lifou (New Caledonia), and Noumea (New Caledonia), 2 nights central Sydney accom and return air to Vancouver.

Theme Park Vacations

Anaheim Family Special
Air + 4 Nights
from $189◊
+ taxes & fees $67
INCLUDES accom near theme parks. Price per person based on family of 4. **ADD** Universal Studios admission from $84/adult and $76/child (ages 3-7). **BOOK** this package based on double occupancy from $377.

Orlando Family Special
Air + 7 Nights — from $469◊ + taxes & fees $138
INCLUDES central accom with free transportation to major attractions. Price per person based on family of 4. **ADD** *Walt Disney World* 4-Day *Magic Your Way* Base Ticket $287/adult, $268/child (ages 3-9).

Vacations

Shanghai
Air + 6 Nights 4-Star
from $569
+ taxes & fees $364
INCLUDES central accom near the Bund.

Sydney Air + 8 Nights — from $914 + taxes & fees $921
INCLUDES Potts Point accom. **BONUS** daily breakfast included. **UPGRADE** to 4-star accom from $24 per night. **ADD** harbour highlights cruise from $33.

Costa Rica Air + 6 Nights — from $1014 + taxes & fees $283
INCLUDES San Jose accom. **BONUS** daily breakfast included. **UPGRADE** to 4-star accom from $35 per night. **ADD** Pacuare whitewater rafting from $107.

Europe

Glasgow Air + First 2 Nights
from $345
+ taxes & fees $574
INCLUDES accom in the heart of the city centre. **ADD** Stirling Castle, Loch Lomond and Whisky tour from $62.

Frankfurt & Berlin
Air + 7 Nights + Rail + Tours — from $1169 + taxes & fees $558
INCLUDES airfare to Frankfurt, rail to Berlin, 4 nights central Berlin accom with hop-on hop-off tour and 3 nights central Frankfurt accom with hop-on hop-off tour.

Paris & London Air + 7 Nights + Eurostar + Tours — from $1299 + taxes & fees $575
INCLUDES airfare to Paris return from London, airport transfers, Eurostar train to London, 4 nights central Paris accom with Seine river cruise and 4 nights London accom with hop-on hop-off cruise.

All-inclusive Vacations

Puerto Vallarta
7 Nights 4-Star
from $347
+ taxes & fees $340

Riviera Maya 7 Nights 4-Star — from $465 + taxes & fees $340

Los Cabos 7 Nights 4-Star — from $487 + taxes & fees $355

USA

Las Vegas Air + 3 Nights
from $197*
+ taxes & fees $69
INCLUDES airfare from Bellingham and accom on the Strip. **UPGRADE** to 4.5-star accom from $24 per night.

San Francisco Air + 3 Nights — from $464 + taxes & fees $128
INCLUDES central accom. **UPGRADE** to 4-star accom from $59 per night. **ADD** Golden Gate bay cruise from $20.

Palm Springs
Air + 3 Nights 4-Star — from $479 + taxes & fees $144
INCLUDES downtown accom near restaurants and shopping.

Honolulu Air + 7 Nights — from $689 + taxes & fees $159
INCLUDES accom near Waikiki beach.

Napa Valley
Air + 3 Nights + Car — from $729 + taxes & fees $138
INCLUDES airfare to Oakland, Napa Valley wine region accom and 3-day car rental with unlimited mileage. **UPGRADE** to 4-star accom from $12 per night. **ADD** Grgich winery tour from $166.

Local Vacations

Nelson 2 Nights
from $147
taxes & fees included
INCLUDES accom near Lake Kootenay.

Sunshine Coast Family Special
2 Nights — from $119◊ taxes & fees included
INCLUDES accom at the Best of B.C Wilderness Resort award winner. Price per person based on family of 4.

Whistler 2 Nights 4-Star — from $134 taxes & fees included
INCLUDES village accom with fully equipped kitchenette.

Kelowna 2 Nights — from $143 taxes & fees included
INCLUDES accom near shops, restaurants and golf. **ADD** Summerhill Winery tour from $11.

Tofino 2 Nights — from $155 taxes & fees included
INCLUDES accom on the peninsula only minutes from the Village of Tofino. **ADD** whale watching tour from $113.

Parksville 2 Nights — from $173 taxes & fees included
INCLUDES central accom. **BONUS** daily breakfast included.

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